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T.S.C. CLUB NOTES

The Annual Chrismas Party of the Toronto Stamp Collectors Club, which took the form of A White Elephant Auction was held on Thursday evening, December 15th, in the Club's room at the Royal York Hotel.

Attics had been ransacked and a choice assortment of antiques and odds and ends were on display and made into eighty-nine lots. Auctioneer Bayley was in good form and amid much fun and laughter disposed of them to realize a tidy sum. Wilf. Malcolm and Jim Goodwin were keen bidders and got most of the bargains. At the completion of the sale, adjournment was made to Murray's restaurant where tables had been reserved. President Edwards was host.

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The Hollow Tree

By Ed. Richardson

#50 Canada #1406

It's alays puzzled me!

Take a look at Scotts and you'll note that #140a—the 1926 two-line overprint provisional is cataloged at $10.00 for the Double Surcharge, and $35.00 for the Triple Surcharge. Yes, it always puzzles me to note that the triple surcharged stamp comes up very, very frequently in auctions—even in blocks—but you very seldom see the double surcharged one—supposedly the cheaper, and more common one. Maybe some "smart" didn't bother to fake so many of the cheaper ones—could it be?

#51 Canada #10—6d Very Thick Soft Wove

Seems like a former post master of a small town near here, which hasn't had a post office in nearly forty years, was somewhat of a collector. He saved an example of nearly every U.S. postage stamp that was issued during his administration— and pasted them in a scrap book.

The mystery however is—how come that U.S. postmaster had **even one** (that's all there were) Canadian stamp in that book? But there it was—as nice an unused copy as you'll see in many a moon.—I said **it** was—because of course yours truly latched on to that item, which **unused** is as scarce as the 12d black! You'll never know what you'll find—so keep looking!

#48 Special Delivery 1898—#E1

Going through a little lot of special delivery stamps—first issue, which I purchased some time ago, I found a hitherto unnoticed **pair**—dated neatly "Sept. 19, 1921".

Since the new rate of 20c went into effect on Sept. 1, 1921 and the new 20c stamp was not issued until Aug. 21, 1922, pairs of #E1 were legitimately used only between those dates. I've hunted dealers' stocks for just such a pair at least eight or ten years.—And to find one among my own accumulations!

They are tough—but happy hunting to you!

#49 19th Century Used Blocks

While in New York City recently I ran across the neatest lot of 5c and 10c small Queens, and 50% Widow Weeds in used blocks of four, that I have seen in sometime. Naturally I latched on to them. The 5c, while common as singles is quite a scarce item in used blocks, — I personally feel it is scarcer thus than the 10c.

You never know what you'll find —if you collect just about everything!

NAMES OMITTED

In the news release on the activities of the Canadian Association for Philatelic Exhibitions which was published last issue the names of the following Directors of the association were inadvertantly omitted, viz: C. H. Goulden, Montreal, P.Q.; A. K. Grimmer, Temiskaming, P.Q.; G. R. Harris, Toronto, Ont.; Dr. C. W. Hennan, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. L. S. Holmes, London, Ont.; D. F. Lybarger, Cleveland, Ohio; H. T. Humby, Hamilton, Ont.; W. G. Malcolm, Toronto, Ont.

AUSTRALIAN STAMPS

Looking over recent Australian stamps, we like their U.P.U. 3½d stamp which depicts the delivery of letters by horseback and plane and is in a nice shade of blue. The 10/- cost of arms stamp is a stricking design. The Henry Lawson 2½d stamp of last June pays tribute to a native poet and short story writer.

MENTION US WHEN ANSWERING ADS

DINKY DAYMUS VARIETIES

BY AUBREY KELSON

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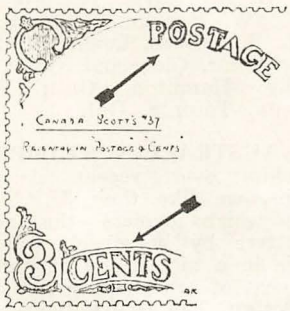
Sketch 235—Canada Scott's 21, the half cents of 1868 with Hair Line through "HALF" at left. Sent us by R. B. Marshall.

Sketch 271—Ireland Scott's 27 with variety of two dots for letter I in Rialtar. Sent us by J. R. Cooke.



Sketch 272—Canada Scott's 37 with re-entry in POSTAGE and CENTS. Sent us by R. L. Cooke.

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Sturgis, Sask., Nov. 30—If ever you're writing to friends in the Danbury and Glen Elder districts east of here, keep your fingers crossed until your letter is delivered.

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While the Danbury post office was in Glen Elder, Glen Eledr still had a post office of its own, but it was not actually in Glen Elder. It was three and a half miles away. Three miles in another direction sat the Glen Elder school.

Technically, the Danbury post office in Glen Elder village was neither in the Danbury nor Glen Elder school district. It was in Brush Valley.

And a letter for Danbury did not go there, anyway. It ended up in the post office at Hyas.

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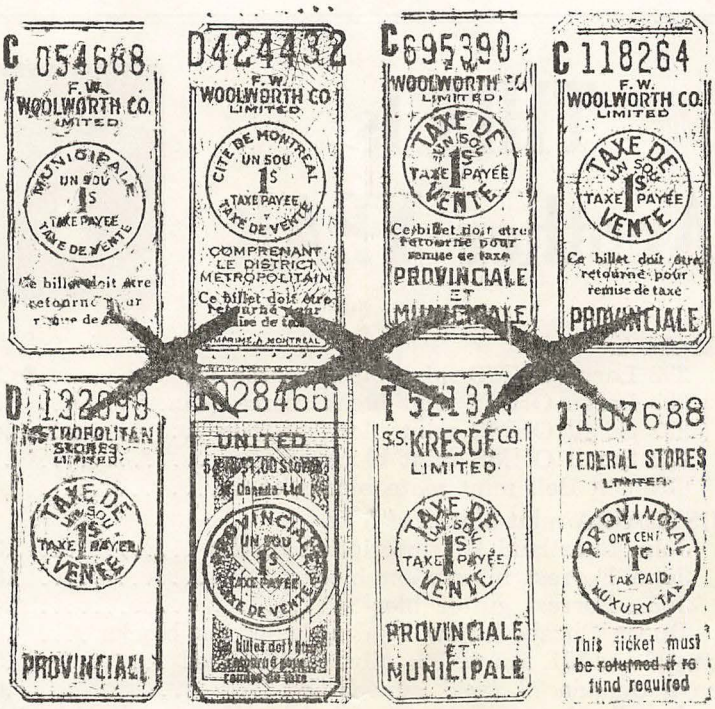


Tickets in the Canadian Revenue Field

(By Chas. Armstrong)

CASH REGISTER TICKETS

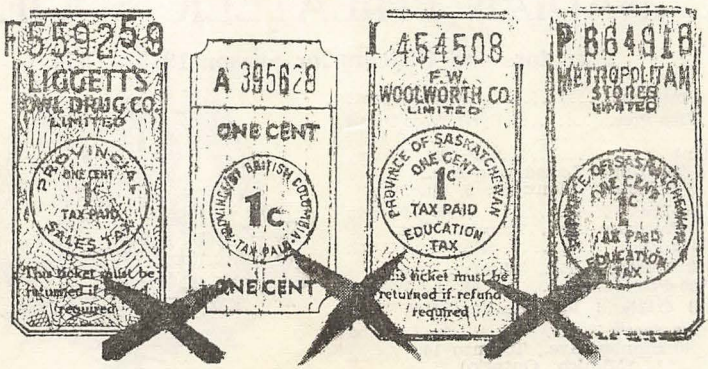
These items are issued and used by large stores as a receipt for payment of Luxury and sales tax in Quebec; Education tax in Saskatchewan; Social Security and Municipal Aid in B.C.: lettering and border in black, red engine-turning design or network in background; series letter and control number in red or black. Issued in rolls with separating tooth marks showing top and bottom. All are 1c denomination except British Columbia which comes in 1c, 3c, and 5c values; and are rouletted top and bottom.

Quebec sales tax came into force July 1st, 1940. Tax is 2% of sales price.

Most merchants make returns to the government at stated periods. Some stores make use of tax tickets which they supply themselves under government control. There is a slight difference in wording. Text in French on the front and English on the back.

Type 1—Municipal.
Type 2—City of Montreal.
Type 3—Provincial and Municipal.
Type 4—Provincial.
Type 5—is same as Type 4, but three lines of lettering above "Provincial" is omitted.
Type 6—"Provincial" in center circle.
Type 7—Same as Type 3, but three lines above "Provincial" omitted.
Type 8—"Luxury Tax", English text on front, French on back.

In some cases several stores use the same type, with only a change of name, and there are varieties of red and black control, and black



series letter with red control number—but they are not listed here.

Type 9—"Provincial". No French text as on Quebec tickets. Is thought to be from Alberta but no definite information. Red series letter and control number (Woolworth's, Liggett's).

Type 10 — British Columbia "Social Security" and "Municipal Aid" tax of 1948. Shorter stamp issued in rolls of 2000 subjects. Roulette top and bottom. No name of store in which it is used as on tickets from other provinces. Black design and controls with colored network design of different colors for each denomination in background. 1c, 3c, and 5c values. Two types of controls have been seen on the 1c.

Type 11—Saskatchean "Education" tax, was passed in 1937 and purchases of 14c or less not taxable. From that to 74c there is a 1c tax; thereafter a 2c tax. Merchants who do not use these tax tickets file a return every 3 months less 4% for collecting.

Type 12—Same as type 11 but lettering in bottom panel omitted. Used by Woolworth's and probably Eaton's and Simpson's. There are varieties of black series letter with red control and red series letter and control. A complete catalogue would take up too much space but it can be available by writing to the secretary of the Canadian Revenue Society.

HARMER, ROOKE & CO., INC. TO SELL REFORD STAMPS

The famous collection of British North American stamps formed by the late Dr. Lewis L. Reford of Montreal is expected to realize around $250,000 when it is sold in a series of 1950 auctions by Harmer, Rooke & Co., Inc. of New York.

Practically every collector of B.N.A. issues knows of the Reford collection. It is believed to be the largest B.N.A. collection in Canada, and probably the second largest in the world. The auctioneers say it is the largest B.N.A. collection ever to come on the auction block. It predominates in Canadian issues.

Dr. Reford was one of the great specialist students in the stamps of Canada. He paid particular attention to the Pence issues, and especially to the imperforate 3p Beaver. Much of Dr. Reford's detailed study of the Pence issues, the 1859 and the Small and Large Cents issues will be available for the first time.

The first of the Harmer, Rooke auctions of the Reford collection probably will take place in February. The auctioneers consider the sale of the Reford B.N.A. collection a fitting sequel to their sale of the famous Charles Lathrop Pack collection, which realized about $360,000.

London, Ont., Philatelic Society lost one of their leading philatelists recently, Mr. Philip Walter Harpur. He was one of London's best known stamp collectors. Possessor of an extensive collection he had been active in philatelic circles for many years.

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A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL

The response to our special Membership Campaign to date has been very gratifying but a lot of our good members, dealers and Directors have not responded to our appeal and we often wonder if our efforts just get into the waste basket. It has been decided to extend the Campaign to March 31st, 1950 and this will give your good intentions time to ripen.

On account of delays in printing and preparations of the good things to come, many members wonder when something is going to happen? This matter is not too good and tends to cause hesitancy and undecidedness on the part of a member, but we can assure you that everything is well and it's just a matter of time.

Our special eforts are based on building up a strong National Society with Capex in view for September, 1951. The CPS is a part and parcel of this big show to come and it should be the intention of every collector across the Dominion to become a member of its own National Society.

May we draw your attention to the valuable prizes offered in our contest which must surely appeal to all. Everyone is elegible to compete in the various classes of the Campaign. As a reminder to all the members please dig up that application form we sent you and have your collector friend fill it up and send into the Chairman. If you require more forms just drop me a line and they will arrive in the return mail.

May we extend to all our best Wishes for a Prosperous 1950 and personally I would like to see results and hear from many of you before very long.

Cyril Woodhead, Chairman of Membership Campaign.

MORE FORGERIES

A short while ago reports were published in the philatelic press regarding the appearance on the European market of certain Canada and Newfoundland air stamps with forged overprints bearing counterfeited Sanabria guarantee marks. During the last few days, we received for examination a number of

Honduras overprinted and surcharged air items, also bearing rather crude, forged Sanabria guarantee marks.

We are being informed that these fabrications emanate from Mexico and it is belived that they were supplied by the same firm or person, who, several years ago, was flooding the markets with forgeries.

In the general interest we shall be grateful if you will give due publicity to this information.—Nicholas Sanabria, Inc.

SECURES RARE 12-PENNY BLACK

Mr. Geo. S. Wegg, of Toronto, is today the proud possession of one of Canada's rare 12-penny black postage stamps, as reported in the Toronto Evening Telegram of Dec. 21. The report states the stamp is worth $2,500 and continues:

The stamp is a twelve-penny black, issued in 1851 and was recently discovered in the albums of a small-town collector who bought it 15 years ago. He obtained it from a family which had kept it ever since it was sent to them almost 100 years ago on a package of documents from Hamilton.

Originally there were 1,500 of these stamps issued but only about 100 are known today, and most have been damaged and repaired. Even so, the repaired stamps are worth from $400 to $1000.

This newly discovered specimen is almost perfect, as all margins are intact. Mr. Wegg figures each one-thousandth of an inch width in margin is worth roughly $200. The fact that the Dundas receiving PMK appears on the stamp may result in it being known as the "Dundas Twelve Penny."

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MOSTLY ON PLATE BLOCKS

By "Scotia"

A correspondent takes me to task for suggesting that certain positions of some stamps are definitely scarcer than other positions of the same stamps. He points out that equal numbers of each position were printed and seems to think that settles the matter. But does it? I shall try to prove otherwise, citing definite examples.

Among the first that comes to mind is the one mentioned last month, upper left of plate five, C8. No one has yet come forward to report the existence of this one, and the reason is not far to seek..

Plate five was never in stock at the Philatelic Agency and the few blocks extent were saved by alert (and farsighted!) collectors who happened to miss the upper left position. It will be in a class with the "impossible" of the Royal Visit issue, whose scarcity is due to much the same factors.

Among stamps which are, or have been, on sale at Ottawa a similar situation exists. In many (perhaps in most, instances) only one or two positions were in stock, and this means that the other positions are very much scarcer, indeed. The fact that most collectors like to obtain all positions, in order to form a miniature sheet, means that these scarce positions will in course of time be worth many times as much as the more common ones.

The 1930 issue afords a striking instance of this situation. The eight cent orange was printed from three plates, of which the third can be completed, though not without difficulty. However, the lowers of plates one and two have never been seen by the writer and I have almost come to the conclusion that they do not exist, any more than they do in the case of the eight cent blue of the same issue. But this is not the end of the story. The upper left of plate two is also very elusive. I hope someone will disclose a surplus of these.

The War Issue has another interesting example in the ten cent value, plate four. I have eight plate blocks of the lower left position, and no others. This in itself is hardly conclusive but I hasten to add that the only offers I get in this plate are more lower lefts.

I could go on, but hope I have made my point. It brings me to another: that a priced catalog of Canadian plate blocks would be of great interest and value. The pioneer works done by Mr. A. K. Grimmer on Royal Visits is one of the reasons for the popularity and the enhanced value of that issue.

REGINA SOCIETY

Harold S. Brown was re-elected president of the Regina Philatelic Society when 40 members attended the annual meeting in the Y.M.C.A., Dec. 4th. H. I. Nicholl was re-elected vice-president and R. R. Doxsee, secretary-treasurer.

W. Burton, J. Dickenson and Charles Crowe were elected as exuative committee. The sales committee will include Walter Harris, W. G. Gray and Jack Canham. H. Pearson and J. Zickman were elected librarian and assistant librarian.

Mr. Brown, in review of the year's work said the club had added 14 members in the year and expected others would join during the next year. He said that the supper meetings during the year had proved very popular, and promised more in the new year.

British Congress

The Thirty-Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain will be held in Tunbridge Wells, Kent from 16th to 19th May 1950 inclusive. Tunbridge Wells, one of the gay fashionable resorts of the time of Beau Nash, is today a delightful town for a conference, within easy reach of London and the English Channel. It is in the heart of the fruit orchards where are grown the finest apples in the world. As it is so near to London, it would be possible to combine into one trip a visit to the great London International Exhibition, 5th to 13h May, 1950 with the Tunbridge Wells Congress.

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80		10sh	2.00	----
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68-81		complete	8.25	----
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BORDER CITIES CONGRESS

There was recently formed in Windsor, by a group of stamp collectors in the district, an organization to be known as the "Motor Cities Stamp Collectors Congress" (M.C.C.).

One of the aims of the M.C.C. is to attract collectors who do not now carry membership in a local club, but who nevertheless would like to participate in the activities of their hobby with other collectors. No membership fees will be levied and meetings will be held, under the sponsorship of the established clubs in the area, at times to be announced through M.C.C. bulletins.

In April 1950 Windsor is to be host to the Annual Convention of the Canadian Philatelic Society and plans are already under way to make the Annual Exhibit in conjunction with this meeting something that the Windsor public will be pleased to view. The M.C.C. will sponsor this event.

Border Cities collectors interested in this organization are invited to contact the Secretary, Mr. Harry Reader, 2266 Turner Road, Windsor, telephone 4-1955. The M.C.C. bulletin will be forwarded to you.

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#87, 3c O/P, O.G.	.15

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#67, 1c M. Leaf	.05
#68, 2c M. Leaf	.09
#69, 3c M. Leaf	.09
#76, 2c Numeral	.07
#78, 3c Numeral	.10
#85 or 86, 2c Maps	.12
#89, 1c K. Edward	.06
#98, 2c Quebec	.06
#141, 1c Confederation	.04

Have blocks of a few of above —pro rata.

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METER NEWS AND NOTES

By M. L. Brown, Rutland, Sask.

One type of Canadian meter, listed as type 2 by the Harris Meter Catalogue is especially scarce. These machines were distributed by Universal Postal Frankers of London, England, and were apparently used during the latter part of 1926 and until August 1927. The design is very plain being a standing rectangle with "CANADA" at the top, "1, 2, or 3 CENTS" in the center and the machine number at the bottom. Only six machine numbers were used as far as I know and they are—

503 1c Ottawa, Ontario.
505 1, 2 and 3c Montreal, Quebec.
507 2c Montreal, Qubec.
509 2c Montreal, Quebec..
512 2c Montreal, Quebec.
513 1c Montreal, Quebec.

All copies seen are in red. Meter numbers 512 and 513 have a slightly larger townmark than the others.

If you are thinking about starting a meter collection but are wondering how to go about it perhaps a few suggestion might be offered here. In the first place I believe meters should be kept on full covers or at least 2 inch strips the length of the envelope so as to show the corner card since it is often useful to know the user's name and address.

Canadian collections may be formed in several ways as follows:

(1) General collection which would include all meter numbers, colors, slogans and in the earlier issues various values. This kind of collection if anywhere near complete would run into thousands of items whereas the others mentioned here would be much smaller in number but still difficult to complete.

(2) Type collection—containing around 15 major types as well as many sub-types, colors and values regardles of meter numbers and slogans.

(3) Town collection—consisting of over 265 towns with more new ones appearing frequently.

(4) Slogan collection—Non commercials make a fine collection and may include patriotics, commemoratives and public events. Then there are numerous commercial slogans.

And however you collect I suggest you keep all meter numbers as some other collector may need what is useless to you.

Slogans in use recently are "Books, Films, Records, Use Your Public Library" from New Westminister, B.C. on 143364; "Cream improves a desert" from Vancouver on 144284; "Incomparable Niagara" from Niagara Falls on 144301; "Toronto Board of Education Centennial 1950" on 140029. And speaking of Centennials recalls other celebrations that slogans have been used for. They include birthdays of Hamilton, Vancouver, Halifax, Winnipeg and the latest "Visit Amherst July 31-August 6, 1949 Diamond Jubilee and Old Home Week" on 47110 from Amherst, Nova Scotia. And on 143674 from Regina is "British Trade Week Observance in Saskatchewan Sept. 26-Oct 1"; "Play Safe Use Your Parks" from Vancouver on 83805.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Re color dyed envelopes

Dear Sir:

In your December issue I read Mr. Pollock's letter re blue lined envelopes and while I agree they are objectionable I have not had in the past many years any trouble with color dyed stamps from their use.

My habit is to separate all stamps from these envelopes and place them in a bowl under running water. This agitation will prevent any discoloration. Another practice of mine is when the stamps are dry I use a warm iron on them to give them an added appearance of smoothness.—A.D.

The London Philatelic Society is staging an exhibition, dinner and sale at the King Street United Church Gymnasium, King Street, London, Ontario, on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, 28th January, 1950. There will be a bourse at the event. Cost of dinner will be $1.75 per person.

British America George VI

JAMAICA

		Mint	Used
127	5s Isle	$1.00	1.00
128	10s Geo. VI	2.00	2.20
129	1½d Courthouse	.06	.02
130	2d Chas. & GVI	.08	.05
131	3d Institute	.09	.07
132	4½d Assembly	.15	.15
133	2s Allegory	.80	.80
134	5s Flag	1.40	1.60
135	10s Institute	2.95	3.25
136-137	Peace (2)	.12	.18
138	1½d Wedding	.06	.06
139	£1 Wedding	6.75	7.75
140	3d Bananas	.06	.06
141	£1 Tobacco Ind.	3.95	4.35
142-145	U.P.U. (4)	.27	33

LEEWARD IS.

103	¼d brown	.02	.02
104	½d green	.03	.03
105	Id scarlet II SG95a	.04	.04
105	1d carmine II SG95b	.25	.25
106	1½d brown	.05	.05
107	2d gray	.06	.06
108	2½d ultamarine	.07	.07
109	3d orange	.08	.08
110	6d violet	.12	.11
111	1s emerald	.22	.20
112	2s violet	.44	.48
113	5s green & red	1.00	1.10
114	10s Geo. VI	2.00	2.20
115	£1 Geo. VI	3.95	4.35
100-102	Coronation (3)	.20	.25
116-117	Peace (2)	.12	.18
118	2½d Wedding	.10	.10
119	5s Wedding	1.25	1.50
120-125	½d to 3d (6)	.23	.25
126-129	U.P.U. (4)	.41	.48

MONTSERRAT

89-91	Coronation (3)	.20	.25
92-99	½d-1s (8) p.14	.58	.65
100	2s6d perf. 14	.57	.65
101	5s perf. 14	1.00	1.10
102-103	Peace (2)	.12	.18
104	10s perf. 12	2.00	2.20

MONTSERRAT

		Mint	Used
105	£1 perf. 12	$3.95	4.35
106	2½d Wedding	.10	.10
107	5s Wedding	1.25	1.50
108-111	U.P.U. (4)	.41	.48
92	½d perf. 13	.10	.10
93	1d perf. 13	.20	.10
94	1½d perf. 13	2.95	2.75

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76-78	Coronation (3)	.20	.28
79-86	½d to 1s (8)	.58	.65
87	2s6d Spring	.57	.65
88	5s Columbus	1.00	1.10
89-90	Peace (2)	.12	.18
91	10s Map	2.00	2.20
92	£1 Map	3.95	4.35
93	2½d Wedding	.10	.10
94	5s Wedding	1.25	1.50
95-98	U.P.U. (4)	.41	.48
82	2d perf. 13x12	1.00	1.00
84	3d perf. 13x12	.35	.35
85	6d perf. 13x12	.60	—
86	1s perf. 13x12	1.00	—
87	2s6d perf. 13x12	1.80	—

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107-109	Coronation (3)	.20	.25
110	½d perf. 14½x14	.08	.10
110	½d perf. 12½	.03	.03
111	1d perf. 14½x14	1.00	1.10
111	1d perf. 12½	.10	.10
112	1½d perf. 14½x14	.15	.15
112	1½d perf. 12½	.10	.10
113	2d perf. 14½x14	.15	.15
113	2d perf. 12½	.06	.06
114	2½d perf. 14½x14	.18	.15
114	2½d perf. 12½	.10	.10
115	3d perf. 14½x14	.22	.22
115	3d perf. 12½	.08	.09
116	6d perf. 13½	.15	.15
116	6d perf. 12	.20	.15
117	8d perf. 12½	.25	.27
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118	1s perf. 12	.30	.28
119	2s The Pitons	.55	.65

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To Our Advertisers

Our new higher advertising rates apply to all advertisers, old and new from this issue onward. Some comment has been received since first announcement of the new rates two months ago. One dealer stated he felt our rates were now as high as the trade could stand. Some others felt they would have to drop out. On the other hand we have those concluding 1950 commitments at the new rates. One stated our rates are still too low. Different ones claim best dollar for dollar advertising results come from P.S. publicity. And we got a kick out of this one from one in the midst of Christmas influence. He approved our new rates and concluded. "We don't expect you to play Santa Claus to the trade."

From our side we offer no apology for asking a fair return for our services. We have at all times been frank in our business announcements; made no extravogant claims, nor do we now. We started P.S. in slack times as an outlet for philatelic enthusiasm and to see if we could not establish a stamp journal that would stick—or be accepted as worthy of support by the fans. We had our own printing plant and had the advantage of producing more cheaply than the publisher who had to employ a printer. Our charges, both subscriptions and ad rates have been based on costs at all times. But P.S. grew and so did costs; thus periodic price revisions. In fact it has grown to a point where it demands a lot of our time. In other words we had to drop some of our activities. Thus this last fall we disposed of our interests in the weekly newspaper we published. We now have printer's bills for part of the production of P.S. So we can't absorb costs like we used to do. That will perhaps explain part of our reason for increased rates, and perhaps forestay the thought that we might be trying to take the trade for all it will bear—we are not. We're selling service worth every dollar we ask. The established professional stamp dealer buys enough printing in his own right to know our prices are not exhorbitant. The amateur, or beginner—well, if our prices deter him, he should, perhaps, wait until he is stocked and capitalized sufficient to substantiate advertising before offering his wares. Nor can we accept the proposal to increase our subscription rate. We are not out to produce an oversize magazine demanding a $2.00 or $3.00 rate but rest on our oft repeated slogan: "A good little magazine, rather than a big bad one"—and that at a popular price. So on the aforementioned policies we rise or fall. If we're both satisfied, then we'll at least hold our own. With that as a challenge we stride forth into nineteen and fifty.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor:

"Can nothing be done" as a heading for the letter to you in Nov. P.S. from W.H.D. covers an important subject and one about which something should have been done long ago.

Canada has beautiful stamps that are something of which the country should be proud and to have such stamps defaced by brush cancellations, torn and punched by defective cancelling devices and carelessly perforated to begin with, is a crime.

I am enclosing 50 stamps taken from my box of defectives. The face value of these stamps is $9.63 and the present retail price for reasonably good copies is $8.48 but here are fifty stamps not worth a nickle because of bad cancellations and sloppy perforations.

Really fine copies of common Canadian stamps are a headache to secure from the dealer's standpoint and the average collector does not realize the value of such stamps, for in ordinary commercial stock as now available about three stamps of this quality per hundred is the general run.

I do belive somethino can be done to stop brush cancellations at least and also provide reasonably good centering—C.C.B.

SEND YOUR LABEL WITH RENEWAL

"IN DEFENCE OF MAGPIES"

To beginners or intending collectors, greetings! As that great artist, Marie Lloyd, used to sing, "a little of what you fancy does you good," which brings us to the magpies. The magpie collector, seldom regarded seriously, is the antithesis of the specialist and, to jaundiced eyes, of the genuine philatelist. He is the purist's bane; like Shakespeare's Autolycus, "a snapper-up of unconsidered trifles." Usually of the fraternity of small collectors, his album is an entirely fascinating hodge-podge, bridging all philatelic time and space. Victorian postal stationery, striking air mails, portrayals of ancient art, curious fiscals, odd Crown Colonials lie cheek by jowl with penny red entries and the exquisite engraving of early U.S.A. In other words, he thoroughly enjoys every minute of stamp-collecting, undeterred by text-book advice or the frowns of superior persons. The superficial and the snob look down their noses at all his works. He gets infinite enjoyment and mental refreshments for a very small outlay, and for him the most ordinary stamps may, if it pleases him, earn album space.

And good luck to him, say I! Every item issued for legitimate postal use is worthy of philatelic respect, and nothing is more distasteful than to hear stamps referred to in such terms as "common rubbish." As for fiscals, why not, if you fancy them? With a blank album and a packet of mounts an endless and wonderful field, my friend is yours. "What!" you exclaim, "turn my album into a junk shop? Not Pygmalion likely!" But any junk shop of the right type at least has character, and a well-written-up and arranged collection of the philatelic "junk" you yourself fancy will be an expression of your individual temperament and personality worth twenty albums full of the stamps fashion or convention decrees that no collection should be without. In collecting, at least, we can defy the current craze for standardisation and be our individual selves. The magpie's hoard often sparkles and always interests. Don't be intimidated!

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THOSE SUBSTITUTE COVERS

We anticipated the Canada Post Office would have a problem with First Day Covers of the New Geo. VI Canada stamps following the last minute postponement of the June 6th first day for them. In all probability scores of these covers had been stamped ahead with the new stamps ready for June 6th release. Then postponement came. They couldn't send the covers nor readily remove the stamps. So special covers were printed to replace covers sent in for service. But many of these covers sent in would have special cachets, many really works of art. Many were bound to be disappointed, as well as out of pocket. One such is a gentleman in Alaska, who writes his grievance to the C.P.S., Popular Stamps, and the P.M. at Ottawa. We reproduce his letter in part.

Yesterday we received thru the mail fifty covers bearing stamps of the new George VI issue of Canada in various combinations on cacheted covers. That was all very nice and, up to a point, according to Hoyle.

However, the cachets on the covers we received are a one-color, black job including the words "Canada Post Office — CBO — First Day of Issue". They do not even state First Day of Issue of WHAT? and all-in-all are a very poor, rather sleazy substitute for the fifty very attractive Robert Fulton cacheted covers which we sent to Ottawa last summer prior to the original date set for the issuance of the George VI issue. Inside these substitute covers there is a card stating that said covers replace originals "damaged in handling."

With long experience in First Day covers in both Canada and the United States we find it almost impossible to believe that All fifty of our particular covers could have or would have been damaged.

We have had the experience of receiving one or two substitute covers in obtaining our covers from First Day events in the United States, on rare occasions, but never before has anyone attemped to convince us that an entire lot of cachets had the same type of accident at the same time. It is a little too pat for us, at this writing.

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N.S. OVERPRINTS ON BILL STAMPS

In 1867 the Dominion of Canada was formed. At this time the United Provinces of Canada was divided into four provinces, Quebec, Ontario, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

In 1868 the Third Issue Bill Stamps of Canada were overprinted for use in Nova Scotia only. The overprinting consisting of black shaded letters N.S.

The Nova Scotia currency was at a 2½% discount in the balance of the Dominion of Canada, which fact caused the demand of this overprint. Otherwise Bill Stamps could have been bought in Nova Scotia and used elsewhere in the Dominion at a saving of 2½%. Anyone specializing in this issue can make a collection of hard and soft paper varieties as well as perforation varieties.

The Third Issue Bill Stamps depicting the side view picture of Queen Victoria, sometimes called the widowed queen design, consists of the following values.

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In 1822 an act requiring the use of Bill Stamps was repealed and the stamps were demonetized.

Anyone wishing information on Canadian Revenues or the Canadian Revenue Society can write W. Rockett 318 Elm Ave., Glenside, Pa. or Goodwin Harris 220 Strathallen Wood, Toronto 12, Ontario, Canada, members of the publicity committee of the Canadian Revenue Society, or the CRS secretary Edwin Morris 4046 Vendome Ave., Montreal, Quebec, Canada.

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191a	1931-37	5c Deep violet	.20	.03
192	1931-37	6c Princess Elizabeth	1.00	1.25
193	1931-37	10c Olive Black	.25	.06
194	1931-37	14c Dog	.35	.30
195	1931-37	15c Magenta	.35	.25
196	1931-37	20c Gray Green	.40	.10
197	1931-37	25c Gray	.50	.40
198	1931-37	30c Ultramarine	4.00	3.50
199	1931-37	48c Red Brown	1.50	.60
208	1932	7c Duchess of York	.20	.20
209	1932	8c Orange Red	.15	.07
210	1932	24c Light Blue	.60	.40
211	1933	15c Brown (Mint Block 2.40)	.60	.75

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212	1933	1c Grey Black	.12	.07
213	1933	2c Green	.20	.05
214	1933	3c Yellow Brown	.25	.15
215	1933	4c Carmine	.25	.06
216	1933	5c Dull Violet	.60	.15
217	1933	7c Court Scene	3.00	3.00

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The new periodical is titled "Stamp Collector's Digest", and subscription rate $1.00 per year. The initial number runs to 16 pages filled with miscellaneous articles. Announced as a monthly periodical, we note its volume numbers will coincide with ours —with February as No. 1 issue. Perhaps we may take this for a compliment. Be that as it may, every creditable such periodical published contributes to the welfare of philately. With that object in view, we say 'more power to their elbow'.

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